

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, and 11-21 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 8, 11-18, 20 and 21 have been withdrawn from consideration, leaving claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9 and 19 subject to examination. Claims 1 and 19 are independent.

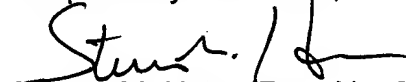
### Bloom

Bloom is non-analogous art. As such, the Examiner's use of same is improper. Applicant's disclosure provides the only fair suggestion for connecting a guide blade of a chain guide to a support bracket using a keyhole aperture that receives a male connector having an enlarged end that is captured in the keyhole.

Furthermore, claims 1 and 19 have been amended to define the guide blade and male connector as a one-piece construction. Claim 9, dependent on claim 1, also specifies the locking nib as being formed as a one-piece construction with the guide blade and male connector. Without regard to the propriety of using Bloom as a reference, Bloom clearly does not teach or fairly suggest such a structure. Bloom teaches directly away from such a structure by using a separate locking clip in the form of the "clip member 14."

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9 and 19 are submitted to define patentably over the references of record, and this application is submitted to meet all other statutory requirements for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,



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